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MOUNT OLIVET

# MESSENGER

*Believing, Belonging, Becoming*

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# Join Us for Worship

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Sunday Holy Communion 8:30am and following the last service  
Sunday Morning Nursery 9, 10, 11am; Sunday School & Choir Sunday School 9 & 10am

## SUNDAY, FEB 2

- M** 9, 10, 11am, 12noon  
Sermon: **PASTOR LOSE**  
Music: Senior & Cathedral Choirs with Robert Robinson
- W** 9, 10, 11am  
Sermon: **PASTOR FREEMAN**  
Music: Senior & Cathedral Choirs; Chancel Ringers

## WEDNESDAY, FEB 5

- M** 11am Communion service— followed by a Community Lunch, \$6, no reservation required  
Sermon: **PASTOR MACLEAN**

## SUNDAY, FEB 9

### *Centennial Celebration Highlight: Cathedral of the Pines Camp Service*

- M** 9, 10, 11am, 12noon  
Sermon: **PASTOR LOSE**  
Music: Cathedral & Chancel Choirs
- W** 9, 10, 11am  
Sermon: **PASTOR DIXON**  
Music: Cathedral & Chancel Choirs

## SUNDAY, FEB 16

- M** 9, 10, 11am, 12noon  
Sermon: **PASTOR MACLEAN**  
Music: Senior & Cathedral Choirs; Centennial Singers; Chancel Ringers
- W** 9, 10, 11am  
Sermon: **PASTOR RUUD**  
Music: Senior & Cathedral Choirs with Robert Robinson

## SUNDAY, FEB 23

- M** 9, 10, 11am, 12noon  
Sermon: **PASTOR KALLAND**  
Music: Senior, Cathedral, Alleluia & Cherub Choirs; Centennial Singers
- W** 9, 10, 11am  
Sermon: **PASTOR HAMMERSTEN**  
Music: Senior, Cathedral, Alleluia & Cherub Choirs

## WEDNESDAY, FEB 26

### Ash Wednesday Communion Service

- M** 7, 11am, 4, 6pm  
Sermon: **PASTOR RUUD**  
Music: Carah Hart, soprano and Luke Randall, baritone
- W** 6pm  
Sermon: **PASTOR DIXON**  
Music: Justin Staebell, baritone

### Ash Wednesday Youth-Led Service

- M** 7:30pm  
**PASTOR RUUD**  
Music: Cathedral Choir
- W** 7:30pm  
**PASTOR FREEMAN**  
Music: Cathedral Choir

## MUSICAL GUEST ROBERT ROBINSON

**M** Sunday, 2/2 & **W** Sunday, 2/16, during all worship services. Gospel singer Robert Robinson returns to Mount Olivet to provide special music in collaboration with our Mount Olivet Cathedral and Senior Choirs. His incredible vocal talent combined with his gentle, loving spirit always serves to inspire, uplift, and encourage. In Robert's own words: "I'm sure there are a lot of people like me who wish they had the ability to embrace every hurting person in the world and assure them that their lives will get better. I can share that embrace and assurance in my songs."



## NARRATIVE LECTIONARY EPIPHANY: COME AND SEE

Feb 2	Jesus Cleanses the Temple	John 2:13-25
Feb 9	Nicodemus	John 3:1-21
Feb 16	The Woman at the Well	John 4:1-42
Feb 23	Bread of Life	John 6:1-14, 35

You will notice that there is scaffolding in the Chancel of the Main Sanctuary at the Minneapolis Campus. Because we have completed our repairs outside, the repairs to the inside above the Altar are underway! The projected completion of this project is in late February. Look for more information in the March *Messenger*.



# The Maverick Gospel

One of my favorite professors in seminary used to call John – the last of the four Gospels in our New Testament – the “maverick gospel” because it is so different than the other three. By way of example:

- Luke and Matthew start with wonderful Christmas stories about the birth of Christ, while John shares absolutely nothing about the baby Jesus.
- In Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Jesus is busy – feeding, healing, preaching, casting out demons – and always on the move sharing the news that God’s kingdom is coming into the world. In John, Jesus offers only seven miracles, and does a lot more talking... mostly about himself. (Think, “I am the bread of life... light of the world... good shepherd, and so on.)
- The other three Gospels share a number of parables – down to earth stories Jesus told to help illustrate what God’s kingdom would be like. John’s Jesus tells no parables.
- In Matthew, Mark, and Luke, the Last Supper Jesus shares with his disciples is the Passover meal. In John, there is no Passover celebration and he does not institute what we call “the Lord’s Supper.” Instead, Jesus washes the feet of his disciples and commands them to follow his example and “love one another” (John 13).
- According to the other three gospels, Jesus dies on Passover; according to John, however, it’s the day before Passover.

So what in the world is going on? And, with all these differences, why do we still read John today? Two good questions, ones the church has asked repeatedly over the centuries. Let me try to answer in two ways.

First, very early on, the church realized that the truth of what God was up to in Jesus was just too big to be captured by any one story. Indeed, our understanding of Jesus is so much richer because of the distinct “portraits” the four Evangelists (authors of the gospels) offer. Imagine commissioning four painters to capture Mount Olivet Church, for instance, and how they’re different emphases (on people, ministries, or building) and mediums (painting, photo, or graphic design) and historical focus (past, present, or future) might render very different pictures of our congregation. Yet we would gain a richer understanding by viewing all four. Something similar is going on with the Gospels.

Second, John adds to our overall “picture” of what God was up to in Jesus in several important

ways. For instance, John is the Gospel that confesses most clearly that Jesus is God’s divine Son. His story starts with the confession, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God... and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (1:1, 14). This is the heart of the Church’s teaching about the Incarnation, the confession that in Jesus God became human, and is often read on Christmas Day. Also, in John’s Gospel, Jesus is less a miracle worker and more the One who reveals God’s love for all the world. (Think John 3:16, “For God so loved the world...”) That’s why John describes Jesus’ miracles as “signs” – they’re important not so much for what they do, but for what they reveal.

On the whole, John offers a more “symbolic” portrait of Jesus, taking poetic license with some of the stories he’s received from the other three Evangelists and arranging them to make a theological point. John, for instance, stresses that Jesus “is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (1:29), likely a reference to Passover. Like Christmas, Passover can fall on any day of the week, and so while all the Gospels stress that Jesus died on a Friday, in John it is the day before Passover, called “The Day of Preparation.” On this day, the priests slaughter the lambs for their Passover celebration and, in John, Jesus dies at the exact moment when the lambs are slaughtered. John’s concern is less about presenting “what really happened” and more about answering the question, “why does it matter?”

Because of John’s focus on the significance of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection, St. Augustine – perhaps the most important theologian in the first thousand years of the Church – described John as “an eagle that soars above the other three evangelists.” (Which is why, if you look at the stained-glass windows above the altar in the Minneapolis campus, you’ll see an eagle beside the picture of St. John!)

We began our exploration of John’s Gospel in December, hearing John’s “hymn to the Word” across the four Sundays of Advent. In January, we heard about Jesus’ Baptism, the calling of the first disciples, and the Wedding at Cana all through John’s eyes. I look forward to further engaging and enjoying the maverick Gospel with you in the coming months!

*Pastor Lose*

DAVID J. LOSE, SENIOR PASTOR



## Life & Growth

DEC 17 - JAN 16

### Baptisms

Boden Robert Goettsch, son of Jenny and Nate

Lukas Parker Graves, son of Caitlin and Greg

Leo Fitzgerald Kelley, son of Allison and Joshua

Lana Iman Kelley-Khan, daughter of Allison

Elise Caroline Lloyd, daughter of Kerry and Matthew

Paisley Rae McCleary, daughter of Heidi and Eric

Gabriella Diane Pemrick Monson, daughter of Jacki and Michael

Drake Mitchell Redmond, son of Amie and William

William Lukas Steffen, son of Sandra and Mark

Rhett Thomas Steffen, son of Sandra and Mark

Jordie Marvel Wright, daughter of Stacie and Aaron

### Deaths

Ruth D. Ankrum, 1932 – 2019

Richard V. Dahl, 1929 – 2019

Paul R. Evers, 1947 – 2019

Cynthia L. Frerichs, 1951 – 2020

Helen L. Gilster, 1915 – 2019

Roger B. Griffin, 1934 – 2019

Shirley E. Huskins, 1927 – 2019

Claire L. Johnson, 1923 – 2019

Gary J. Kamp, 1940 – 2020

Doris Knutson, 1924 – 2019

Joel E. Koopman, 1935 – 2020

Gary Kubat, 1957 – 2019

Torrance D. Lillevold, 1945 – 2019

Peter A. Merwin, 1974 – 2019

Bertil G. Nelson, 1933 – 2020

Evelyn R. Piepgras, 1925 – 2020

Marilyn H. Renne, 1923 – 2020

Jean A. Rusch, 1934 – 2020

Sandra J. Sheperd, 1940 – 2019

David O. Strand, 1935 – 2020

Norma H. Stromswold, 1919 – 2019

Raymond P. Strot, 1928 – 2019

JoAnn Swanson, 1932 – 2019

Alice Vane, 1918 – 2019

Ozzie G. Way, 1933 – 2019

## NARRATIVE LECTIONARY



### EPIPHANY: COME AND SEE

The readings for worship from John's Gospel in February either offer a twist to well-known stories or introduce us to several characters we don't meet anywhere else in the New Testament. On **February 2**, we read of Jesus' "Cleansing of the Temple." Whereas in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, this story is the "final straw" in Jesus' confrontation with Roman and Jewish authorities and the action which prompts their decision to seek his death, in John's hands, it is a story that reminds us that, when Jesus is present, no other sacrifice is necessary.

*A question to ponder: do we believe that we are "enough" – for our families, friends, and before God? What difference does it make that God doesn't require anything from us in order to love, forgive, and support us?*

On **February 9 and 16** we meet two nearly diametrically opposed characters. On the 9th, it's Nicodemus, a devout and curious Jewish Pharisee who comes to meet Jesus at night. On the 16, it's a Samaritan woman who meets Jesus at the well. One is an insider and wields significant influence; the other an outsider with little to offer but her testimony of a changed life. Both, however, ask open and honest questions of Jesus and are changed by their encounter with him. The Samaritan woman's transformation is almost immediate, as she discovers in Jesus someone who sees her as she is and accepts her for whom she is. Nicodemus' transformation comes more slowly. In fact, he disappears at the end of this story and doesn't appear until very late in the Gospel.

*A question to consider for each day: Feb. 9 – what questions do you have for Jesus and what keeps you from committing to follow him? And for Feb 16: what difference does it make to know that God sees you as you are, accepts you as you are, and loves you as you are?*

On **February 23**, we again hear a familiar story used in a new and different way. The "feeding of the multitude" is the only miracle by Jesus recorded in all four gospels. In John, however, the focus shifts quickly from the bread multiplied to satisfy a hungry crowd to Jesus, the bread of life, that satisfies our spiritual hunger now and into eternity.

*Given how easy it is to fill our lives – and try to fill our deep needs – with material goods, what value and import does Jesus' offer of himself as the bread of heaven mean to us today?*

**February 26 is Ash Wednesday** and we will hear Jesus ask his disciples honestly and frankly whether they still want to follow him. He will also make the promise that he is the "light of the world."

*We might similarly wonder what makes it most challenging to be followers of Jesus today and how his light might help lead us forward.*



## DEVOTIONS



In my first year at Mount Olivet, I was asked incessantly, “Have you been to COP yet?!” (Cathedral of the Pines) It became a bit humorous actually ... but I understood. Having served as a counselor at a Lutheran bible camp one summer, I was aware how places and experiences such as this hold dear places in our hearts. Certainly Cathedral of the Pines Camp is no exception.

There is lasting inspiration for life and faith in getting away from the normal routine and context of life to rest in community, fun, and focus in the word of God. It’s no surprise that when Jesus needed a break from the helter-skelter, he would usually attempt to go to a secluded place to pray.

Naturally then, following Christ, we would be inspired in much the same way to gather in secluded places to reconnect, re-center, and/or refocus in God’s love. In many ways, a place and experience such as COP opens our hearts and minds to see even more powerfully that we truly are God’s children who are loved, called, and sent in this life together with all of God’s creation.

This month opens up registration for the upcoming summer. Families will want to make sure you get your children and/or grandchildren signed up. You willing volunteers, get your hands and feet ready to serve.

“Have you been to COP yet, Pastor?” I have, and I look forward to it again. Thanks be to God. — PASTOR RUUD

## “For You!”

These two words stand at the very center of the Gospel story. They appear most prominently in the Holy Week account of Jesus’ last supper — which we remember during Communion — when he gave his disciples bread and wine and said these things were his body and blood, given “for you” (Luke 22:19-20).



This Lent, we’ll explore this more personal dimension of the Gospel, taking seriously that Jesus wasn’t born in general, but born “for you.” That he didn’t die in general, but “for you.” That God doesn’t simply love the world in general, but loves you and each of us truly, and deeply. Two words — for you — so simple and yet so important and so much to unpack. So join us this Lent as we hear, believe, and be encouraged by the promise that, in Jesus, God has come in love for us.

Sundays, we’ll hear stories from John that portray Jesus in a variety of ways and invite us to ask, “Who is Jesus?” — for us, for the world, for the church.

On Wednesdays, we’ll have time to reflect at midday on how Jesus accompanies and abides with us through all the various ups and downs of life.

Our Truth Talks on Wednesday evenings, will practice allowing the promise that God is “for you” shape how we deal with anxiety and stress.

In addition to these “regular” Lenten activities, we’ll have several special opportunities including a screening of the new film *Angst* as backdrop to the Truth Talks, a Mindfulness Retreat for families to strengthen our resilience, a devotional to lead us through John’s story of Jesus’ passion, an opportunity to serve others via Feed My Starving Children, and more.

## Daily Readings

### February 2020

FROM PASTOR KALLAND

- 1 Psalm 3:2-6, The Lord Sustains Me
- 2 Ecclesiastes 7:9, Lap Of Fools
- 3 Proverbs 3:5-6, Trust In The Lord
- 4 Psalm 34:14, Turn
- 5 Matthew 11:28, Rest
- 6 Psalm 37:37, Seek Peace
- 7 Titus 1:15-16, Pure
- 8 James 1:5, Ask God
- 9 Mark 12:30-31, Heart, Soul, Mind, Love
- 10 John 13:34, A New Command
- 11 1 John 4:7, Love One Another
- 12 Ephesians 4:2, Humble, Gentle, Patient
- 13 Isaiah 54:10, Unfailing Love
- 14 1 Corinthians 13:4, Love Is
- 15 John 3:16, For God So Loved
- 16 Zephaniah 3:17, The Lord Is With You
- 17 Jonah 2:2, Listened To My Cry
- 18 Psalm 22:19, Come Quickly
- 19 Malachi 1:11, The Lord’s Name
- 20 1 Samuel 2:2, No One Besides You
- 21 1 Chronicles 16:11, Look To The Lord
- 22 Isaiah 40:30-31, Like Eagles
- 23 2 Timothy 4:7, Kept The Faith
- 24 Jude 1:20, Praying In The Holy Spirit
- 25 Hebrews 11:1, Faith Is
- 26 Galatians 5:22-23, Fruit Of The Spirit
- 27 Matthew 21:21, Faith Not Doubt
- 28 1 Peter 1:21, In God

## Lenten Devotional

Follow Jesus’ Passion according to St. John with daily readings written by Pastor Lose. Sign up for emails at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org) or pick up a booklet at church beginning Sunday, February 23.

# REGISTER TODAY



**Joy Circle Presents: An Evening with Author William Kent Krueger** W 2/12 doors open 6:30pm, program at 7pm **M** Main Sanctuary. Come listen to Award-Winning Author & The New York Times Bestselling Author of *Ordinary Grace*. He will discuss the journey that brought him to write *This Tender Land*, read the prologue, and end with Q & A. All congregation event, all are welcome to attend! Free will offering; which will be donated to charitable organizations in the Native American community. Book signing and cookies in the Lounge following the event.



## MOUNT OLIVET Presents: **An Evening with WILL STEGER**

**SUN, MAR 1, 5-7PM, **M** FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

Mount Olivet members and the community are invited to attend a presentation and dinner event with **WILL STEGER**, a world renowned explorer from Minnesota known for his numerous polar expeditions, deep understanding of the environment and his efforts to raise international awareness of environmental threats. He has traveled tens of thousands of miles over 50 years witnessing climate change and leading teams on significant polar expeditions.

Among his numerous awards, Will Steger became the National Geographic Society's first Explorer-in-Residence in 1996 and has authored four books as well as received several Honorary Doctorate degrees. Will founded two non-profits, the Will Steger Wilderness Center in Ely, MN and Climate Generation: A Will Steger Legacy dedicated to engaging educators, youth and communities in solutions to climate change. A limited number of autographed books will be available for sale or any of his books may be purchased online at Amazon.com. Cost is \$15. Register online at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org).



## 12th **MOTORHEADS' WINTER EVENT** **Tue, Mar 10, 2020**

Shuttle from Mount Olivet West Campus  
7150 Rolling Acres Rd, Victoria (arrive between 5:30 & 7pm)

**MTOLIVET.ORG** MPLS 612.926.7651 • WEST 952.767.1500



## Ladies' Night

FEATURING **PASTOR FREEMAN** AND  
DINNER SERVED BY THE MEN OF MOUNT OLIVET

**MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020**  
**6:30PM, WEST CAMPUS**

\$15. REGISTER AT [MTOLIVET.ORG](http://MTOLIVET.ORG) OR 612.926.7651

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## **MOCW Ladies' Night**

**M 3/9 6:30-8pm **W** Fellowship Hall.** This year we will be taking the dinner to the West Campus where we will hear from our newest **PASTOR, REBECCA C. FREEMAN**. Men serve at Ladies' Night-To volunteer, contact [mocwvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:mocwvolunteer@gmail.com).



# JOIN US AT MOUNT OLIVET

**Joy Circle Baby Kits** Throughout February, **M** Main Office **W** Narthex. Joy Circle is collecting baby items for Pastor Scott's On-Call Ministry. Donated items will be used to assemble "Baby Kits" for families in need. Items needed: new and gently used baby clothing (0-12mons only), diapers, wipes, baby lotion/shampoo, new and gently used books. Thank you for helping out this special ministry! Contact [fellowship@mtolivet.org](mailto:fellowship@mtolivet.org) if you have additional questions.

**Flying Solo: BINGO** Su 2/9 1:30-5pm, Richfield VFW 6715 Lakeshore Dr, Richfield 55423. Come join your friends for an afternoon of fellowship while winning big at BINGO. Register at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org).

**Young Adult 3rd Tuesday** Tu, 2/18: Norseman Distillery | 7-8pm, Sa, 3/7: **Centennial Feed My Starving Children event at West**, 3/17: Surly (Pizza Room) | 7-8pm, 4/21: Donate & Do @ VEAP | 6:30-8pm

**Friends Forever Arizona Round-Up (50yrs+)** Su 3/22 8:30am, Living Water Lutheran Church, Scottsdale, AZ.

Arizona residents, visitors and friends are invited to join Pastor MacLean and Friends Forever for a special Mount Olivet Sunday in Scottsdale.

We will have brunch and dinner together. Cost: \$20 for brunch, menu items for dinner. Register at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org) by 3/19.

**Men's Breakfasts** Tu 7am, The Hilltop Edina; Th 7am, American Legion Chanhassen. Feb 4/6: **BIBLE STUDY LED BY PASTOR RUUD**, Feb 11/13: **PETE HENSCH** National Field Director at Cru, will be speaking about how he relates the message of the Gospel to college students, Feb 18/20: **BIBLE STUDY**, Feb 25/27: **GUEST SPEAKER**.

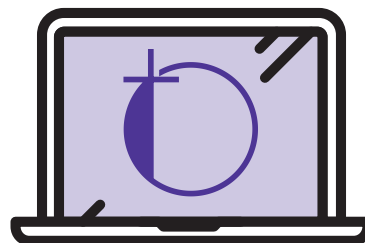
**Ski Club** W through 3/25, Meet at 9am Lunch at Paul's Restaurant 12noon, Afton Alps 6600 Peller Ave S, Hastings. This year Afton Alps is requiring a "Mount Olivet Membership Card" to receive your discount on lift tickets/rentals. Cards will be available for pick up at the Mpls Campus in the main office. Lift Tickets: Adults \$34. Rentals (ski, boots, poles, helmets, snowboards) \$26. These rates apply from 9:30am-9:30pm. **NEW TO THE GROUP?** Contact Katie Shepherd [kshepherd@mtolivet.org](mailto:kshepherd@mtolivet.org) to be added to the group list and to have a card made.

**Help Needed: Volunteer Team Leader for Careview Gift Shop** Mount Olivet Careview has a dedicated Gift Shop that is open daily to serve the residents, their families, staff, and volunteers. This is staffed 100% by volunteers and we need your help. We are seeking an individual to work in conjunction with our current two team leaders, who would like to take on a leadership role organizing the volunteers and handling a bit of training. The commitment would be 1-2 hours a week. If you are interested, please reach out to Laurie Hancer at 612.767.2267 or [lhancer@mtolivet.org](mailto:lhancer@mtolivet.org) for more information. It takes a village for us to keep this wonderful outreach running and we could really use your help!

## Mount Olivet Food Drive!

Bring non-perishable food items to church through the month of March to benefit CES (Community Emergency Services).

**Realm** is our online member login experience where you connect with a small group; register for classes and events; track giving and download giving statements; make your pledge; update contact information, change family details; and more. Set up your account at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org) by clicking on the login button at the top of the page.



# 2020 ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

## BIBLE STUDIES

### Living the Message Pastor's Introduction *Tu 2/4 & 3/3*

6-6:45pm **M** Choir Rehearsal Hall. Whether or not you participate in a Living the Message small group, you are welcome to join us at **PASTOR RUUD'S** introductions to each month's study. In Feb, John 11:1-44, *What does it mean that Jesus is the "Resurrection and the Life"?* These and all our monthly studies will take us deeper into key texts and themes in John, the Gospel on which our Sunday sermons will be based from now through May. Please come—you'll be glad you did.

### Wednesday/Thursday Word: 1, 2, 3 John *W through 2/19* 10:30am-12noon (small group 10:30-11am; Pastor presentation 11am-12noon),

**M** Rm 207; *Th through 2/13* 10-11:30am **W** Rm 228/229. These epistles are moving, loving, pastoral responses meant to rally the faithful in the churches of Asia Minor who were facing many threats to their existence. These were churches John had tended and encouraged for many years. Now, knowing his own life is fading, he urges his "children" to continue to confess Christ as the Son of God and hold fast to the hope and promise for this life and the life to come that they have been given through Christ's death and resurrection. Join the Mount Olivet Pastors Wednesday in Mpls or Thursday at West for this inspiring study. Register at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org). Donations given in class.

**Sundays & Tuesdays Together: So That You May Have Life** *Su through 2/9* 10-11:30am, **W** Rm 133/134; *Tu through 2/18* (no class 2/11) 7-8:30pm **M** Rm 207. Come and encounter Jesus in the Gospel of John so that "believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31). This five-week class, led by **REV. DR. THERESA LATINI**, Executive Director of Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center, will explore the distinct themes in John's depiction of Jesus' origins, his life on earth, death, and resurrection. Special attention will be given to Jesus' relationships with Nicodemus (a religious leader), the Samaritan woman (a foreigner and outcast), Lazarus (a dead friend), Thomas (a skeptical disciple), Mary Magdalene (the first witness to the resurrection), and the unnamed Beloved Disciple. Donation given in class.



## ONGOING GROUPS

- **Chair Holy Yoga** *M&W except holidays* 10-11am **W** 228/229. A great physical and spiritual boost to your day that does not require getting down and up from the floor, yet greatly improves balance, strength, and flexibility. Connect, exercise, have fun, and meditate on Jesus' love! Taught by certified instructors. \$5 paid to instructor.
- **Spiritual Energy Healing** *M except holidays* 6-8pm, **M** Rm 457. Learn and experience how prayer, God's power, and the natural energy paths within the body can bring comfort and healing.
- **LGBTQ Voice and Verse** *2nd Tu* 6-7pm **M** 208. Join **PASTOR RUUD** and others for this educational opportunity of communal study in love, support, and continued understanding of all aspects of gender identity and sexual orientation in faithful life together. Through shared experience, discussion, and learning, the gathering seeks to build mutual awareness and insight in this particular reality of faith and life toward honor and love for all.

## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

- **Evening Book Discussion** *2nd W* 7-8:30pm, **M** Library. Books: *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen (2/12), *Waking up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving. (3/11).
- **Midday Book Discussion** *3rd Tu* 11:30am-1pm, **M** Library. Books: *Dear Father, Dear Son* by Larry Elder (2/18), *Glory Over Everything* by Kathleen Grissom (2/18). Bring a bag lunch if you wish; all are welcome to join us! Facilitated by Church Librarian Chelle Urabe.



# PASTORAL *Care*

## QPR Training: Question, Persuade, Refer (16 and Older)

Tu 2/25 6-7pm, **M** 207. Learn the three steps anyone can take to help prevent suicide. Just like CPR, QPR is an emergency response to someone in crisis and can save lives. QPR is the most widely taught gatekeeper training program in the United States, and more than one million adults have been trained in classroom settings in more than 48 states. This one hour class is for members of the community over the age of 16 who want to learn best practices in suicide prevention. Sponsored by the Mount Olivet Mental Health Task Force and Mental Health Collaborative. FREE! Register at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org). Questions about this event? Contact Andrea Brown at 612.767.2209, [andreab@mtolivet.org](mailto:andreab@mtolivet.org).

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

M 2/10 10am, **M** Lounge; Tu 2/18 through 11/17 1pm, **W** Conference Room 220. Members and those interested in becoming part of our Prayer Shawl Ministry are invited to join us for a meeting and fellowship.

Questions about Prayer Shawl Ministry or Prayer Ministry? Contact Andrea Brown, 612.767.2209.

### Prayer Ministry Meeting

M 3/2 1pm, **M** Lounge. For all members of the Prayer Ministry Team and those interested in joining the Prayer Ministry Team are invited to join us for a meeting and fellowship.

### Young in Heart & Friends (65yrs+)

Tu 2/25 12noon, **M** Fellowship Hall. Join us for lunch and fabulous entertainment. Cost: \$9 and donation to Pastor Scott's On Call Ministry. Friends welcome! Register by 2/21: 612.926.7651

## NURSE NOTES

### LOVE your HEART

Did you know, 1 person dies every 37 seconds in the United States from cardiovascular disease? That is 647,000 Americans each year!

**YOU** have the power to greatly reduce your risk for heart disease.

5 Simple Swaps will give your heart health a boost!

Choose NUTS over chips

Reach for COFFEE or TEA, not soda

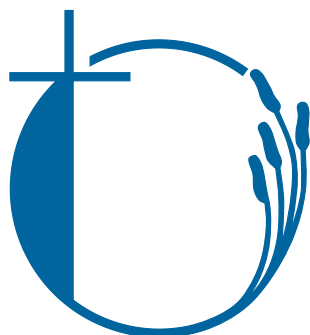
Switch from baked goods to DARK CHOCOLATE

Broil or grill SALMON rather than steak

Ditch white side dishes in favor of GREEN ones (kale, broccoli, spinach, collard greens)

Visit [hopkinsmedicine.org](http://hopkinsmedicine.org) for much more!

## MOUNT OLIVET CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER



### Day Lenten Journey: Dare to Pray!

Tuesday, 3/3 10am-3pm, Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center. God invites us to pray boldly and promises to hear our prayer. Yet, sometimes prayer is a struggle or an afterthought; sometimes we grow weary or bored in prayer; and, sometimes we wonder how best to pray for friends, family, and ourselves. Come and explore multiple ways (both old and new) of communing with God—and each other—in prayer. Learn how Christians have prayed throughout the centuries and explore practices that work for you. Dare to pray anew as you begin this Lenten Season!

Led by Retreat Center Director **REV. DR. THERESA LATINI** and **DR. CARLA DAHL**, Professor of Congregational and Community Care Leadership at Luther Seminary and Certified Family Life Educator.

Cost is \$20 for lunch and program. Bus transportation is available for \$5 from West Campus (8:45am), 7500 York (8:45am) and Mpls Campus (9:15am). **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!**

# A Camp Built on Loving Relationships

*Kristi Youngdahl, Director of Cathedral of the Pines*

I don't remember my grandpa Reuben Youngdahl, but I am pretty sure he was a genius. His belief that starting a summer camp 260 miles away from Minneapolis would be a good – no, *fantastic!* – idea is hard for me to fathom.

I am grateful every day for his vision to create new and exciting opportunities for Mount Olivet Church. He was willing to take chances on things that he loved, and my grandpa LOVED people. He especially enjoyed hanging out with kids. A summer camp was a perfect opportunity for children to grow in their faith, enjoy the beauty of the outdoors, be in relationship with people of different ages, create lifelong friendships, and learn to love themselves.

I remember my father, Paul Youngdahl. He poured his heart and soul into COP. There was no place he would rather be! He also LOVED people. And he especially enjoyed hanging out with kids! In fact, when he was at camp he *was* a big kid! Playing softball and basketball each day. Swimming in Lake Caribou and taking campers on boat rides. Dressing up for theme-oriented meals. Riding around in his Cushman and then the Mule. And no one was happier when the dessert was Brownie



Delight! But what he loved most was evening chapel services. Each night after dinner he would go to his cabin and practice his sermon out loud. Then he would walk to the chapel and sit in his chair, looking at the beautiful lake and the cross,

spending time in prayer. The chapel bell would ring, he would quiet the campers before they entered the chapel, and then lead the service that so many of us know and love, with its uplifting songs, short and meaningful sermons, and lots of prayer.

My mother's role at camp was as important as my dad's. She was the workhorse – writing curriculum, teaching the campers' daily Bible class, helping the volunteer health professionals, and keeping the place in "tip top" shape. She cleaned cabins between

camp sessions, like no one before or after her. She led the nature hike each day with campers and counselors, pointing out different birds, trees and flowers, and reminding campers to appreciate God's creation. She spent time with homesick campers and was the disciplinarian. And every night, from the back of the chapel, we would hear her beautiful voice as she sang the prayer song. Just like my dad, she also poured her heart and soul into COP!





## We Know a Place that We Can Call Our Own

The success of Cathedral of the Pines is all about relationships, starting with our most important relationship with Jesus. It is a place where faith becomes our own. A place where we can hear about others' experiences in their relationships with God, where we can ask questions, where we can feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. At camp we can experience God's love first hand!

COP is also a place where we meet new friends and strengthen relationships with old friends. With no phones or electronics, we enjoy face-to-face conversations all day long. We run and laugh and play. We learn how to get along with cabin mates and counselors. We enjoy devotions each night – sharing matters of the heart, giggling and crying, and, most importantly, praying together.

Camp is an important place where we learn to love ourselves, just the way we are! It is a safe, accepting place where we see each and every person as a beloved child of God. We see that we are beloved, too. And so we feel free to get on a stage in front of the entire camp, learn how to laugh at ourselves or to be gentle with ourselves, try something outside our comfort zone, and think about our own faith. And we practice living our faith, walking with God and being kind to one another.



*Mary and Stella Lyght enjoy coffee with Phyllis Stellmaker in the Holiday Lodge.*

The story behind Cathedral of the Pines begins with the Lyght family over a century ago. Hosey Posey and Stella Lyght, along with their three children, moved from Pennsylvania to Minnesota after the coal mine strikes made raising a family there an unstable prospect. Hosey Posey went first to check out the area. Then he packed up his wife and children in 1913, and they headed by train to Duluth. The Lake Superior steamship *America* brought this rare African American pioneer family to Lutsen where they gradually made a one-room log cabin livable on their 160-acre homestead. Everything they brought with them from Lutsen to the homestead was carried by hand or backpack over four miles of a moose trail. They lived off the land – hunting, fishing and gardening as they cleared plots and their family grew to 15 children.

In about 1925 or 1926 the Lyghts started fishing on Lake Caribou, and eventually bought property there which became the family operated Northern Lights Resort. People came from Duluth, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Iowa to enjoy the small cabins and fishing boats. It is this property that became Cathedral of the Pines in 1948. And the Lyghts became valued friends of the Youngdahl family and Mount Olivet Church. For many years, Ruth Youngdahl had coffee with Stella Lyght in the newest version of the log cabin on the old homestead.



## Behind the Scenes

There are a few “old timers” who made camp what it is today. From the early 50s through the 80s Fran Swanson did it all! She cooked, ordered all the food and supplies, paid the bills, and managed the staff. She was especially partial to the boys, who were convinced she had eyes in the back of her head. Nothing got past her!

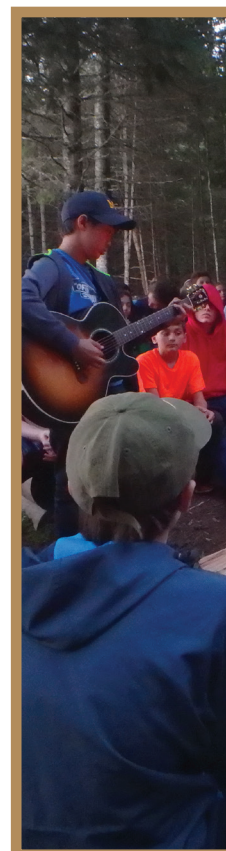
Sister Marjorie Axelton was not the typical church deaconess as she sat on the COP dock in her swimsuit, mentoring the campers and staff in her kind and loving way. She taught morning and afternoon Bible study classes, acted as head nurse overseeing the volunteer nurses, and sold healthy reading materials from the “Book Nook” in her cabin by the beach from the mid-50s through the mid-80s.

Karen Blomberg served in many capacities at church and camp, starting in the 60s. She became the Camp Manager in 1992, opening and closing camp and managing the kitchen all summer with the volunteers she recruited and charmed. She was full of stories that usually began, “Kid, I tell you!” The residents of the North Shore knew her as “the cookie lady” who was happy to serve baked treats and coffee to anyone who stopped by, and often delivered cookies to vendors and neighbors.



*Sister Marge and Frannie discussing camp logistics for the day.*

*Karen Blomberg enjoying a fun moment while being serenaded by camp staff.*

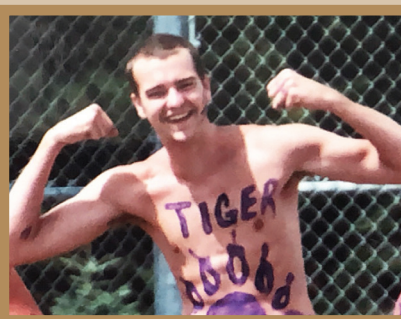






*"The opportunity to cook at COP for the past 20 years with some of the finest people we know has been a blessing. We have changed a great deal through those years, but camp is always the same. The inspiring setting, the enthusiastic campers and staff, the singing and the silence combine to provide a spiritual experience for all. Camp is truly a sacred place for us."*

~ Chuck & Paula Swanson



*"COP was the first place outside my home that I felt comfortable being myself. It is the place I realized people liked who that person was. This allowed me the confidence to be authentic not just while growing up but even now, living day to day in my adult life."*

~ Kyle Johnson



*"What does COP mean to me? That's easy! It's my home! I feel more at home there than any place else I've ever been. It's where I found God, made lifelong friends, and created cherished memories. Camp opened up many volunteer opportunities at COP, church, and in the community. It's why I joined Mount Olivet church!"*

~ Tris Tupa

### You're Invited to COP!

Celebrate 70 years of Cathedral of the Pines with a visit to camp this summer. You'll see why COP is central to the life and growth of our congregation. Walk the grounds, gaze at the cross on beautiful Lake Caribou, attend an energetic meal, and be inspired at our morning or evening chapel service.

Reservations will be made online for a chapel service and breakfast with the campers, or dinner and evening chapel. We can only accommodate 16 guests per meal, so make your reservations early! Watch upcoming issues of the *Messenger* and the Sunday bulletins for details and nearby lodging options.



# Cathedral of the Pines 2019 Reflection



## Amy Rose, Camp Staff

Something I appreciated more while being on camp staff this past summer was the shared experience we have as campers, workstaffers, counselors, staff members, and anyone else that comes through Cathedral of the Pines' gates. The eagerness that comes during the days leading up to camp and the excitement when you finally step off of the bus and see the staff welcoming you is something I remember fondly, and now look forward to every week! Singing and laughing

in the lodge during meals; days filled with swimming, softball, and sunshine; and ending each day with reflection in the chapel are all pieces of camp that have brought thousands of people together over the years. Some of my very favorite memories come from the weeks I spent at camp when I was younger, and seeing that happen for campers, workstaff, and counselors from a staff member's perspective is a special experience. We all come from different walks of life and camp brings us all together. Our shared love for C.O.P. and the love between people there makes it the wonderful place it is.



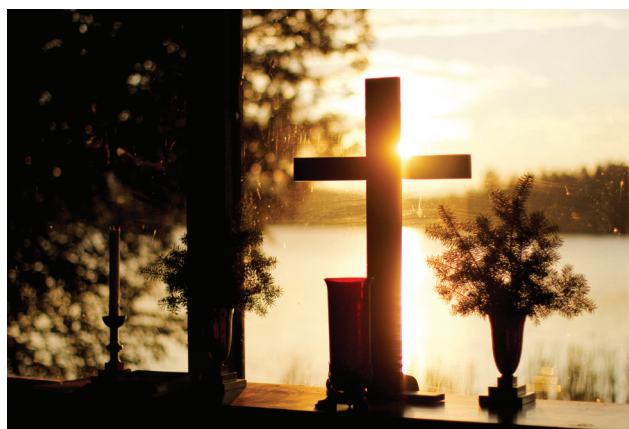
## Haakon Lien, Counselor

If I had a penny for every time people ask me "What makes camp special?" I'd be a rich man. Each time I answer I try to describe the special bond that is felt when you are at camp. You feel a connection with people that is almost impossible to find anywhere else. It's a connection that is formed between your cabin mates, your fellow counselors, your friends, and the camp staff. It truly is a wonderful and amazing thing and I have never felt it anywhere other than COP. When I have the chance to be a counselor at camp, I realize that I am helping foster that special connection for my campers. And actually, for me the special bond grows to a whole new level when you are a counselor. I remember sitting with my first cabin at the welcome picnic in Caribou Park, and my campers shyly shared their names. I then asked very general questions to get the conversation going and we were off. That is the first moment when the camp magic starts for campers, to initiate that COP bond. The relationship continues while sharing meals, during plays on the ball field, playing games at 11 O'clock activity and of course during evening devotions. I am so fulfilled when I lead campers into their experience at COP as a counselor. I realize that I am helping shape their camp magic and that means so much to me. So with enthusiasm, I hope people keep asking me "What makes camp special?". Really, it's everything. Everything about COP, but especially the simple ability to be yourself and form friendships and relationships under the sun and stars of Northern Minnesota on the shores of Lake Caribou with a simple wooden cross overlooking it all.



## Cooper Reece, Camper

I love COP because you always feel at home when you are there. There is never a dull moment when you are at camp. There are always fun things to do like 11:00 activity and softball. There is no other feeling like sitting in evening chapel and feeling connected to God. Cabin devotions are fun because you get to reflect on the day. It is always so sad at the end of the week and you have to go home. I can't wait for another great week at COP in 2020!



## Camp Sunday

Su 2/9 during worship, **M W**. Come celebrate Cathedral of the Pines Camp on Sunday, February 9. All Sunday morning services will be "Camp-Style." Photos of camp life throughout the years will be on display in the Fellowship Hall and Gronseth Fellowship Hall. A Historical display of Cathedral of the Pines will also be up each Sunday in the Lower Narthex at the Mpls Campus or the Atrium at the West Campus for your viewing all February long!

## Cathedral of the Pines Camp Rally

Su 2/9 4-6:30pm, **W**. Hey Campers and Families! Come see the new West Campus facilities and join us for a fun-filled evening to gear up for Cathedral of the Pines - 2020! Play some Camp Carnival games and go home with some fun prizes! After the Carnival, we will have a complimentary dinner and program put on by your 2020 Counselors and Workstaff. The program includes Camp songs, skits and a slideshow of life at COP! After dinner, we will have a Camp-style worship service in the Sanctuary. Lottery results for Opening Weekend, Family Work Week and Family Camp will be posted. Also, don't forget to purchase your 2020 Camp swag!

## MEMBER REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

**NON-MEMBER REGISTRATION OPENS  
MON, MAR 2**

### COP Camping Weeks

*Grades as of Sep 1, 2020*

*Non-Members: Add \$55*

*Special Diets: Add \$30*

#### **Grades 3 & 4**

(1) 7/15-7/19 W-Sa \$390\*

(2) 8/8-8/12 Sa-W \$390\*

#### **Grades 5 & 6**

(1) 7/11-7/15 Sa-W \$390\*

(2) 7/24-7/29 F-W \$425\*

#### **Grades 7 & 8**

(1) 6/26-7/2 F-Th \$445\*

(2) 7/19-7/24 Su-F \$425\*

(3) 7/29-8/3 W-M \$425\*

### **9th-Gr Confirmation Camp**

For Mount Olivet members only.

An opportunity to celebrate the completion of Confirmation requirements with Mount Olivet youth staff and friends.

(1) 7/6-7/11 M-Sa \$375

(2) 8/3-8/8 M-Sa \$375

#### **Grades 10-12+**

(1) 6/22-6/26 M-F \$300\*

#### **Grades 10-12**

(1) 8/12-8/16 W-Sa \$330\*

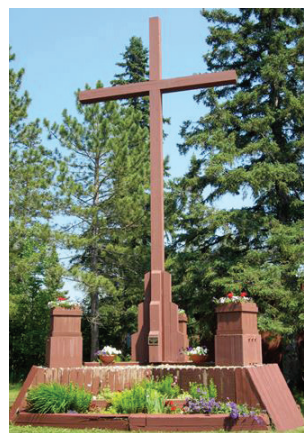
\* Full payment requested at time of registration

## CAMPBRAIN

We are excited to announce a new registration system for COP 2020. The new system, CampBrain, is specifically designed for camping programs and you will use CampBrain for all things COP (registrations, payments, health forms, etc). We are especially excited that all info that is put into your CampBrain account this year, will be retained and will be able to be used in years to come. Details of the new system and registration process are available on the Camp page of the Mount Olivet website.

### **Have Questions about Cathedral of the Pines Camp?**

Contact Kris Ericksen at [krise@mtolivet.org](mailto:krise@mtolivet.org)  
or 612.767.2207





**CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION SAVE THE DATES!****Feed My Starving Children Mobilepack Event  
Sat Mar 7, WEST CAMPUS**

FMSC is a Christian non-profit organization committed to feeding God's children hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple—children and adults hand pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children, and the meals are shipped to distribution partners. This effort requires **500 VOLUNTEERS OVER 3 SHIFTS IN JUST ONE DAY!** Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time and/or financially contributing to this event. To honor our 100 Year Celebration our goal is **100,000 meals**.

**VOLUNTEER - REGISTER** at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org)**Fri, Mar 6:****SET UP** 4pm - 6pm**Sat, Mar 7:****PACK FOOD (3 SHIFTS!)** 9-11am\*, 12noon-2pm, 2:30pm-4:30pm**CLEAN UP** 4:30pm- 6:30pm

\*Nursery will be provided for children 0-5. Children 6+ welcome during any shift.

**DONATE FINANCIALLY****GIVE ONLINE** at <http://give.fmsc.org/mtolivet>.

- Invest \$50 for one box of food (216 meals)
- Donate \$80 and a child will eat for an entire year
- Give \$10 for a family of 4 for a week

**CENTENNIAL FUND**

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the mission and ministry of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, we are launching a fundraising appeal that gives thanks for our past, strengthens our present ministry, and prepares us for another century of witness and service. We invite you to be a part of this exciting endeavor as we live into the future of hope God is preparing for us! These gifts will focus on three areas of need: 1) giving thanks for a century of service, 2) caring for our sacred spaces, and 3) preparing us for a second century of ministry.

**WAYS TO GIVE**

- Text the words "MTOLIVET Centennial Fund" and your desired dollar amount to 73256.
- Online at [mtolivet.org/online](http://mtolivet.org/online)—giving (click on "Give Now" and select "Centennial Fund" from the drop-down menu)
- Use the Centennial Offering Envelope

*Mount Olivet is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization. Your charitable contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. A letter acknowledging your contribution will be sent to you from Mount Olivet.*

**A Night Out With Mount  
Olivet 5/28/2020 at  
The Hutton House**

Come raise a glass to Mount Olivet in celebration of 100 years! Your \$30 ticket will get you in the door for appetizers, a chance to play some yard games, and take a memorable photo in the photo booth. Cash bar and valet parking will also be available. This is a 21+ event.

## Ash Wednesday Youth Service

W 2/26 7:30pm **M** Main Sanctuary **W** Sanctuary. Please attend the Ash Wednesday Youth Service with your family. Confirmation students will be participating in this special service. We will also be communing together. This service is in place of the 4:30 and 7:00pm Confirmation class on this night. See you there!



## 8th Grade Confirmation Pictures

W 2/5 Girls, W 2/12 Boys **M** 482 **W** Fellowship Hall. All 8th grade Confirmands will get their picture taken for the confirmation Composite. There is no cost for the picture but you can order a package from Lifetouch if you chose to. You are welcome to get your picture taken on either of the dates and at either campus. Picture package information will be sent home with your child. Boys should wear a white shirt and tie. Girls can wear whatever they wish. Robes will be provided.

## Confirmation Schedule

There will be **NO** Confirmation classes on the following dates: **SUN 2/23 **M**, SUN 3/1 **M**, SUN 3/15 **M**** PLEASE ATTEND TRUTH TALKS ON 3/4 & 3/18.

**Confirmation 7th Grade Retreats** **M** Jan 31-Feb 1, **W** Feb 7-8, **M** Feb 14-15, **W** Mar 13-14. Meet at Mpls or West campus depending where the bus leaves from at 4:40pm in the youth center. Pick up Saturday at the same campus at 10:30am. This is a required overnight at the Mount Olivet Conference and Retreat center. We will spend time eating good food, playing fun games with the Jr. High Youth staff, a special Communion service with our Pastors, swimming, hanging out with our high school counselors and of course Sacred Ground! Only 20 boys and 20 girls can attend each retreat. It does not matter at which campus you attend Confirmation. Please register today because these fill up fast! Remember no electronics or phones allowed. Please leave them at home. You will need to pack a sleeping bag, pillow, swimsuit and towel (if you plan on swimming), toiletries and jammies. Get ready for a fun overnight!!

## JHA Mpls - Presidents Day Away

M 2/17 10:30am-3pm **M** 207. Join your Minneapolis Youth Staff for our President's Day Away event! We will meet in room 207 (large group confirmation room), head to Buck Hill for snow tubing, and finish the day at Davanni's for some hot pizza! It will be a great day! Register online at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org).

## Truth Talks (7th-12th Gr)

W 7-8:15pm 3/4 & 3/18 **M** and 3/11 & 3/25 **W**. Mpls 4:30pm Wednesday Confirmation should attend 7pm Truth Talks on 3/4 and 3/18, there will be no 4:30pm classes on those days. Cathedral choir will be meeting in the sanctuary and sitting in a reserved area. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend the Truth Talks, there will be a parent portion following the service.

## Cathedral Choir Bake Sale

Su 2/23 before and following each worship service **M** Lower Narthex, James Ave. Entrance, & Main Office Entrance **W** Atrium. Support the Cathedral Choir as they raise money for their choir trip this year! There will be a variety of baked goods made by our own Cathedral Choir members. Make sure to stop by and buy them before they sell out!

**SUMMER  
YOUTH  
PROGRAMS**

Visit [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org) or pages 18- 19 for details about fun summer programs!

## Hi-League Schedule

Sunday Evenings.

2/2 **NO HI-LEAGUE.**

2/9 **CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES CAMP RALLY** **W** 5-6:30pm (**M** bus 4-7pm) Come help get future campers excited about the upcoming camping season and brush up on your Workstaff skills!! Have dinner together & enjoy a COP style worship service. We will also help clean up Fellowship Hall before we leave. Our Mount Olivet West Board will host and run all the games for the carnival!

2/16 **PIZZA & BINGO** **M** 7-8:30pm, **TABLE TALKS** **W** 7-8:30pm  
2/23 **MOVIE PREVIEW: ANGST** **M** 6:30-8pm (**W** bus 5:45-8:30 pm) Come to church and preview an outstanding documentary regarding anxiety.



## 6th Grade First Communion Classes

**M** Su 2/2 11am Rm 207 or **W** 2/9 11am Rm B03. We invite 6th graders to participate in a First Communion class and service. First Communion is an important milestone in one's faith life and the class provides an opportunity to learn about the sacrament. Please attend the class that best fits your schedule - regardless of which campus you attend worship. It is required that each 6th grader attend one class with an adult. First Communion services will be held on **SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020** at both campuses. 6th graders are encouraged to be baptized before receiving First Communion. Please contact Katy Michaletz with any questions or for information regarding First Communion and/or baptism.



## Angst Documentary Screening

Su 2/23 6:30-8pm **M**. Mount Olivet is hosting a screening of Angst, a documentary centered around the experience of living with anxiety. Throughout the documentary, along with personal testimony from youth, mental health experts provide background information and parents weigh in. Viewers leave with a better understanding of what anxiety is, how it can affect people, and ways we can help others suffering with anxiety. Please register at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org). FREE because of a generous gift from a Mount Olivet member.

## Parents Share (Winter Session)

W through 2/26 9:30-11am **M** Rm 199. Parents Share is a gathering of parents, who bring their current parenting issues and gather the wisdom and experience of all of the parents who attend. Marilyn Sharpe, Mount Olivet member and certified parent educator, facilitates the group. Each session will include one topic identified by the group during the first week and prepared and presented by Marilyn during the first half hour of the last seven sessions. The final hour will be filled with the topics being lived by participants. Nursery provided by Mount Olivet and limited to eight children.

## NEW! Mindfulness Retreat

Sa 3/28 9am-1pm, Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center. While stress and anxiety are normal parts of daily life, they also can become debilitating for some of us at times. How do we cope in the midst of high stress? How can we manage our anxiety? How does our faith support us in being healthy and resilient? Doctors, psychologist, and educators alike increasingly teach mindfulness to reduce stress, anxiety, and increase feelings of calm, wellbeing, and happiness. Learn and practice basic mindfulness techniques—breathing exercises, walking and other meditations, coloring, yoga, and contemplative prayer—in the beautiful setting of our retreat center. Leave the day with a list of resources you can use at home together. Cost is \$20 per adults, \$15 per child, Max of \$50 per family.

**Musikgarten (Birth-5yrs & Caregivers)** Classes are available on M, Tu, W, F, & Sa with various times, Rm 393. Your child will have the opportunity to sing, dance, and play simple instruments. Our licensed Musikgarten teachers will help your child develop listening skills, focused attention, imagination, creativity, and self-expression. Daytime, evening and weekend classes available.

## President's Day Away (K-3rd Gr)

M 2/17 8:30-4:30pm **M** 207 **W** Youth Center. Get ready to PUMP it UP with the CFM team! A fun filled President's Day includes a visit to Pump It Up, we'll also have Bingo and other activities you won't want to miss! Please pack a lunch! \$35 cost includes; transportation, activities, and Pump it Up pass. Register at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org) by 2/14.

## Open Gym (1-6yrs & Caregivers)

Sa 2/8, 3/7 9-11am, **M** Gym. Come run, jump, and play with our Nursery Coordinator, **SAM BALZER** as she continues the Open Gym fun! Designed for children ages 1-6 and their parents. \$5/family at the door. No registration!



## Mount Olivet Preschool Registration is Open!

Join Mount Olivet Preschool for it's 50th year! Online registration is open for the 2020-2021 school year!!



# 2020 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

Registration is open!

## COP Preview Nights at Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center (2nd-3rd Gr as of Sep 2020)

5pm F 5/8 to 10am Sa 5/9 or (5th-6th Gr as of Sep 2020) 5pm F 6/11 to 10am Sa 6/12, (M W Bus). Join the CFM team for the COP Camp Overnights! We will swim, hang out, play games, and get excited about going to camp! Invite a friend, and look forward to a great time at the Mount Olivet Retreat Center. Bring swim gear, weather appropriate clothing, and a sleeping bag/pillow. \$45 includes accommodations, food, and bus.

## God's Kids Sing! Counselors (9th- 12th+ Gr as of Sep 2020)

M-F 6/15-6/19 8:30am-4pm  
(M Fellowship Hall (W Bus 8am-4:15pm)). GKS is looking for counselors who are interested in sharing their day with our wonderful GKS kids. Classes in music, art, dance, bible study, mindfulness and more!. This camp is so popular, because of you! Come join us for the week of fun!

## God's Kids Sing! (1st-6th Gr as of Sep 2020)

M-F 6/15-6/19 9am-4pm (8am+ early drop-off available) (M Fellowship Hall (W Bus 8am-4:15pm)). God's Kids Sing! is a fun-filled creative arts camp for children entering 1st through 6th grade. Every day participants will have a blast singing, moving, and making awesome art projects in sessions lead by professional educators and enthusiastic high school counselors. \$170 (\$20 early drop-off fee; \$20 W bus fee).

## JHA Mpls- Waterpark Day Away

Sa 6/20 10am-2pm (M 207). Come join the Minneapolis Youth Staff for Water Park Day Away at Cascade Bay in Eagan! Cost for this event is \$30 which includes admission into the park & transportation from the Mpls Campus. Hope to see you there!

## Vacation Bible School (4yrs-2nd Gr as of Sep 2020)

M-Th 6/22-6/25 8:45am-11:45am (M W). Put your hard hats on and get ready to report to the job site! This year for Vacation Bible School we'll use a construction theme to learn about the many ways that faith is our foundation in life. These fast paced, faith-filled, and fun mornings include music, story time, crafts, snacks, games, and more! \$45.

## Musikgarten (Birth-5yrs & Caregivers) 6/23-8/5, (M Rm 393).

TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS
9:30-10am, Birth-3yrs	9:30-10am, 3-5yrs
10:15-10:45am, Birth-3yrs	10:15-10:45am, Birth-3yrs
11-11:30am, 3-5yrs	11-11:30am, Birth-3yrs
6:15-6:45pm, Birth-3yrs	

Our licensed Musikgarten teachers will help your child develop listening skills, focused attention, imagination, creativity and self-expression through singing, dancing, and playing simple instruments. Cost is \$60 per child; 50% sibling discount offered.

## JHA West- Valleyfair

W 8/19 9:30am-3pm (W Narthex). Join your West Youth Staff for a trip to Valleyfair! \$30 cost includes; transportation from the West Campus and park admission. Bring money for lunch. We can't wait for you to join us!

## Mount Olivet Day Camp (1st-4th Gr as of Sep 2020)

M-F 7/20-7/24 8:30am-4:30pm, Meet at (M (W Bus 8am-5pm)). Join us for a great week of community building, outdoor play, service projects, in-house field trips, and did we mention fun? We'll spend a couple of days at the Mount Olivet Retreat Center, bring in a few guests to Mount Olivet and venture out into the community for an action-packed week! \$175 includes: daily lunch and snacks, t-shirt, all activities & transportation for the week.

## JHA - 8th Grade Leadership Retreat

3:30pm M 8/17 through 10am Tu 8/18 (M 207 (W Narthex). We will go to the retreat center for games, worship, swimming, and sacred ground and most importantly, leadership workshops throughout the night. We believe our programs are so successful because we have strong upper classmen leaders, and we believe you are those people. We hope you can join us! Cost is \$50.

## AC in the AC! (K-3rd Gr)

W 7/29 8:30am-4:30pm (W). Kindergarteners through 3rd Graders are invited to a little Arts & Crafts (AC) in the Air Conditioning! Take some time out of the heat of the summer to make some crafty crafts and maybe even a couple friends! Please bring a lunch! Snacks, crafts, and fun will be provided! \$35.

## NEW! Messy Camp! (3rd-6th Gr)

W 8/12 8:30am-4:30pm (M). Exactly what it sounds like! We will be playing some messy games involving shaving cream, fruit loops, ping pong balls, and more! Wear comfortable clothing that you wouldn't mind getting dirty! Bring your lunch for the day. Snacks, activities, and messy fun will be provided! \$35.



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